Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) and (*b*) A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Kayankulam-Muttom Road.

86. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapally, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a road from Kayankulam to Muttom;

(*b*) whether it is being encroached upon in many places by the owners of adjoining properties;

(*c*) whether the wooden bridge on it at Pathiyoor to the west of the Pathiyoor temple fell into ruins several years ago;

(*d*) whether there is the need of a bridge there at present;

(*e*) whether there is a canal running across this road near the temple at Evoor;

(*f*) whether the absence of a bridge here makes the road useless, in the rains, even for pedestrians; and

(*g*) whether the road if broadened and repaired will be of immense benefit to the ryots of the locality?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Steps have been taken to remove the encroachments wherever they exist.

(*c*) Yes. No trace of it exists now.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The road, if improved, will be of use to the inhabitants

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Sir, In respect of part (*c*), may I know what the honourable member means by saying that no trace of it exists. Is it implied that there is no necessity of a bridge being built there?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: It does not mean that there is necessity for a bridge.

Grants to Libraries and Reading Rooms.

87. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the maximum annual grant now awarded to Libraries and Reading Rooms;

(*b*) whether grant is awarded in quarterly instalments;

(*c*) how the relative merit of each library is ascertained;

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(*d*) who it is that inspects the Libraries and Reading Rooms;

(*e*) how many times in a year that officer visits each of these institutions:

(*f*) whether the Inspecting Officers have any special qualification for the work;

(*g*) whether they will consider the feasibility of appointing a special officer for the supervision and inspection of the Libraries and Reading Rooms of the State; and

(*h*) whether the G. O. of the 27th March 1928 with regard to libraries is still in force?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Rs. 200.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) On the basis of the report of the Inspecting Officers.

(*d*) The Division Inspector or Assistant Inspecting Officer.

(*e*) If the institution applies for grant in a year it will be visited for that purpose during that year. Otherwise visits will be made by Inspecting officers as often as convenient.

(*f*) The Inspecting Officers have the necessary qualifications for the work entrusted to them.

(*g*) It is not deemed necessary.

(*h*) Yes; with slight changes.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Sir, with reference to answer to part (*e*) may I point out that this is not the custom and that the answer is not quite correct.

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: This answer represents what is actually taking place in the Department?

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Is the member aware that unless an application is made for grant-in-aid, such libraries are not visited by any officer?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: That is why I said that if there is an application the institution will be visited and inspected by the officer concerned.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Is the honourable member aware that it is made an almost compulsory affair that if a library has grant-in-aid, it has to renew its application every year?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Quite so. The practice is to inspect a library once at least every year.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: In respect of part (*h*) may I know what are the changes that have been brought about in the G. O.?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: The main change is that the inspection of these libraries has been handed over to Assistant Inspecting officers.

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